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Dedication for New Railroad Bridge and Road in North Shelby County Set for June 6, 2017

Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr., will host a dedication ceremony next week for a new bridge and road that will eliminate daily traffic delays at a railroad crossing in North Shelby County.

The new bridge will cross over the Canadian National Railroad tracks on Fite Road, just east of Highway 51. The ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 6th, 9:00 a.m., on the bridge along the newly aligned Armstrong Field Road. The bridge is just east of Highway 51 and Fite Road.

"We began construction on this project three years ago. Citizens in this area of the county had asked for this new bridge and connecting road for years. After meeting personally with residents in Woodstock and nearby neighborhoods about the traffic delays at the railroad crossing, I'm pleased this new bridge and road will officially open next week," said Mayor Luttrell.

The new road's name, *Armstrong Field Road*, is named after a former grass airfield in the area that once hosted the arrival of Charles Lindbergh in his Spirit of St. Louis airplane back in 1927.

"The bridge will eliminate those backups and, more importantly, emergency vehicles from a nearby Shelby County Fire Station will no longer be delayed by the trains. Fortunately, acquisition of the right-of-way for the new road and bridge was supported by nearby industries and citizens groups. Additionally, E. I. DuPont De NEMOURS & Company and W.R. Grace & Company donated the land for the project. We're very grateful for their partnership," said Tom Needham, Public Works Director for Shelby County Government.

The total project cost is \$14.8 million with \$12.3 million in federal funds through the support of the Tennessee Department of Transportation and the remaining \$2.5 million from Shelby County Government.

"The citizens of north Shelby County have anxiously anticipated this day for many years. We appreciate Mayor Luttrell's support and dedication to see this project through," said Charlotte T. Smith, President of the People of Woodstock Community.

